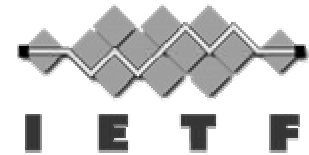
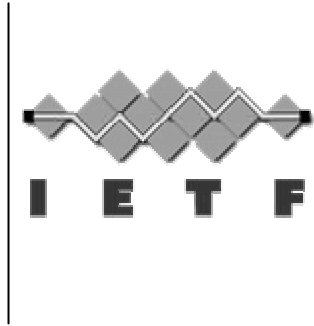


# IETF Mission Statement

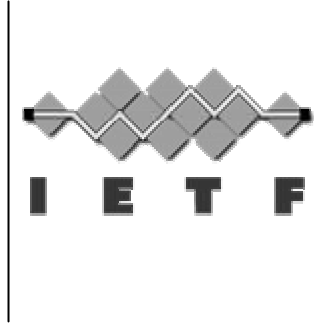
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# Purpose of a Mission Statement

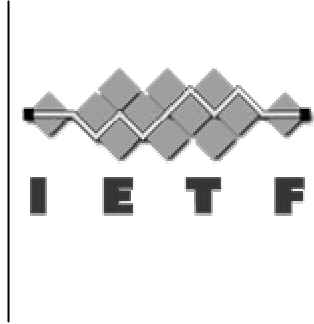


- State the principles that the organization relies on
- Be a guideline and yardstick to see if what we are doing helps or hinders the mission
- Stop the email storms about "what is the mission of the IETF" 😊



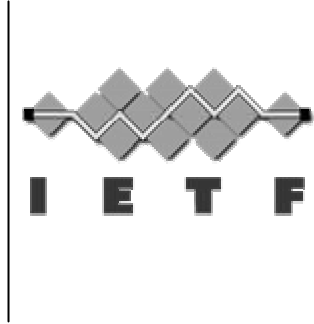
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- The goal of the IETF is to make the Internet work.
- The mission of the IETF is to produce high quality, relevant technical and engineering documents that influence the way people design, use and manage the Internet in such a way as to make the Internet work better.
- These documents include protocol standards, best current practices and informational documents of various kinds.



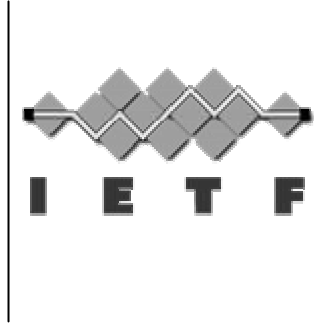
# Cardinal Principles

- Open Process
  - As opposed to "show only finished product"
- Technical Competence
  - As opposed to "vote the impossible"
- Volunteer Core
  - As opposed to "standardization professionals"
- Rough Consensus and Running Code
  - As opposed to "spec first, test later"



# Important Definitions

- The Internet is Big
  - Covers the network from host to host
- Participants are people
  - Not corporations, governments or representatives
- Relevant means useful
  - Timely, correct and available
- Quality is clarity and sound engineering
  - We must understand what we build



## More text in the draft

- If any of you haven't read the document yet 😊, please take the time to do so
- Feedback is welcome!
- This one doesn't depend on anything else – so we want to finish it soon
- Before the next IETF, if possible